Written Public Comments Submitted for CRC Special Meeting (11/15/2021)

Agenda	Name	Position	Comments	Comments	Attachment
OPTION A-1	Candice Cho	Favor	My name is Candice Cho. I live and work in Los Angeles at the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON). A3PCON is a coalition of over forty community-based organizations serving and representing the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) who make up 15 percent of Los Angeles County. Our members include groups like Little Tokyo Service Center, Thai Community Development Center, Asian Youth Center, Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Korean American Coalition, and South Asian Network. A3PCON, along with some of its members, is also a member of the People's Bloc. The Bloc is a multiracial table dedicated to the inclusion of everyday residents in the redistricting process and advocates for equitable representation for communities of color. I urge the commission to adopt map A. This map keeps whole AAPI communities of interest, as they are defined by those communities, like Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Koreatown, Thai Town, and Historic Filipinotown. This map also pairs AAPI communities with other AAPI communities and communities of color with whom we have shared policy interests and concerns, like access to affordable housing. Thank you.	Received 11/11/2021	n/a
OPTION A-1	Danika Lam	Favor	My name is Danika Lam and I live in Windsor Square in the zip code 90005. I work at the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON), which is headquartered in Downtown Los Angeles and is a coalition of over 40 community-based organizations advocating for AAPIs in LA County. A3PCON is part of the People's Bloc, a multiracial table dedicated to the inclusion of everyday residents in the redistricting process and advocates for equitable representation for communities of color. I urge the commission to adopt map A. This map keeps AAPI communities of interest whole, like Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Koreatown, Thai Town, and Historic Filipinotown, as defined by our communities. These communities share similar characteristics and policy concerns, like access to affordable housing and access to in-language and	11/11/2021	n/a

			culturally competent health care. This map also pairs AAPI communities with other communities of color with whom we have shared interests and concerns. My name is Eiman Farooqui and I am a resident of Koreatown. I am also the		
OPTION A-1	Eiman Farooqui	Favor	Operations Manager of the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON). A3PCON is a coalition of over forty community-based organizations serving and representing the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) who make up 15 percent of Los Angeles County. Our members include groups like Little Tokyo Service Center, Thai Community Development Center, Asian Youth Center, Koreatown Youth and Community Center, and Korean American Coalition. Koreatown has a number of street vendors and pop up vendors that sell food and convenience items regularly on Beverly Blvd, but also on a number of street corners in the neighborhood. Many people take advantage of the number of busses that run through Koreatown and the metro. It's fairly easy to get around the community on public transit, despite the community being a car-heavy area. I believe that Koreatown is most comparable to our neighboring East Hollywood because of the variety of ethnicities and enclaves (like Thaitown and Little Armenia) in the area. A3PCON, along with some of its members, is also a member of the People's Bloc. The Bloc is a multiracial table dedicated to the inclusion of everyday residents in the redistricting process and advocates for equitable representation for communities of color. I urge the commission to adopt map A. This map keeps AAPI communities of interest whole, like Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Koreatown, Thai Town, and Historic Filipinotown, as defined by our communities. Map A also maintains Black effective district with 30%+ CVAP, keeps South East LA whole, and keeps the Eastside communities, which consist of Unincorporated East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights united and whole under the same district as Montebello, Pico Rivera, Alhambra, Monterey Park,	11/11/2021	n/a
			San Gabriel and El Monte whole.		

OPTION A-1	Jane Wishon	Oppose		11/11/2021	n/a
OPTION A-1	JOSE CORNEJO	Oppose	Long Beach to Porter Ranch is ridiculous.	11/12/2021	n/a
OPTION A-1	Michelle S Wong	Favor	My name is Michelle. I am a resident of Burbank, Los Angeles, and I work at the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), which is headquartered in downtown Los Angeles. A3PCON is a coalition of over forty community-based organizations serving and representing the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) who make up 15 percent of Los Angeles County. Our members include groups like Little Tokyo Service Center, Thai Community Development Center, Asian Youth Center, Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Korean American Coalition, and South Asian Network. A3PCON, along with some of its members, is also a member of the People's Bloc. The Bloc is a multiracial table dedicated to the inclusion of everyday residents in the redistricting process and advocates for equitable representation for communities of color. I urge the commission to adopt map A. This map keeps AAPI communities of interest whole, like Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Koreatown, Thai Town, and Historic Filipinotown, as defined by our communities. These communities share similar characteristics and policy concerns. These communities also want to be paired with other AAPI communities and communities of color with whom we have shared interests and concerns such as the Eastside communities.	11/11/2021	n/a
OPTION A-1	Norbert Tan	Favor		11/11/2021	n/a
OPTION A-1	Sonali Pustam	Favor	My name is Sonali Pustam and I work for the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON). A3PCON is a coalition of over forty community-based organizations serving and representing the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) who make up 15 percent of Los Angeles County. Our members include groups like Little Tokyo Service Center, Thai Community Development Center, Asian Youth Center, Koreatown Youth and Community Center, and Korean American Coalition. A3PCON, along with some of its members, is also a member of the People's	11/11/2021	n/a

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OPTION B-1	Benen Weir	Favor	1.Topanga is a Mountain Community2.Keeping all communities of interest together3.Being part of a Community that has the Mountains as their first interest4. Creates districts with geographic integrity	11/11/2021	n/a
OPTION B-1	Jane Wishon	Oppose		11/11/2021	n/a
OPTION B-1	JOSE CORNEJO	Other	Please add the LA City Neighborhoods of Porter Ranch, Grenada Hills, and Sylmar into district 3. We are part of the San Fernando Valley and the City of LA. You can balance the population and keep the district continuous by placing the independent cities of Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and West Hollywood into district 4	11/12/2021	View attachment
OPTION B-1	Kim Lamorie	Favor	Strongly in favor of B-1 with suggested modifications to Map 043. See Federation letter attached.	11/14/2021	View attachment
OPTION B-1	Mollie Helfand	Favor	Dear Commissioners: Thank you for your work on these critically important maps. We support Option B, with modifications reflected in our Map 043. Our map 043 modifications, among other factors, include more geographically contiguous mountainous areas in the Rim of the Valley Corridor (ROTV) a 191,000 acre extension of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) currently pending in the Senate. Connectivity is key as demonstrated by the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing and this map from the National Park Service gives a better indication of that mountain connectivity and the many advantages in including Rim of the Valley Corridor mountain communities.	11/14/2021	n/a

Among its many mountain boundary benefits, expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area: • Creates new outdoor recreation opportunities for more 17 million area residents. More parks for more people. • Preserves critical habitat for unique and threatened species, ranging from mountain lions to the California red-legged frog. • Protects cultural sites that allow the National Park Service to tell the story of the region's nationally significant history. • Creates new partnerships with local governments and schools to connect youth with the outdoors. We have included for your perusal, the latest press release from Senator Feinstein on the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area parkland boundary expansion. Map 043 is also the best map because it keeps the San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, Long Beach, and historically linked communities of East LA unified in distinct districts. Modifications to Option B that bring it more in line with Map 043 would be the best result for communities across Los Angeles County, it reflects the full diversity of our County, and will provide the strongest representation for the people of our County. Thank you again. Sincerely, Mollie Helfand Unincorporated LA county

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OPTION B-1	Susan Fredericks- Ploussard	Favor	Valley Corridor mountain communities. Among its many mountain boundary benefits, expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area: • Creates new outdoor recreation opportunities for more 17 million area residents. More parks for more people. • Preserves critical habitat for unique and threatened species, ranging from mountain lions to the California red-legged frog. • Protects cultural sites that allow the National Park Service to tell the story of the region's nationally significant history. • Creates new partnerships with local governments and schools to connect youth with the outdoors. We have included for your perusal, the latest press release from Senator	11/14/2021	n/a
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OPTION C-1	Jane Wishon	Oppose		11/11/2021	n/a
OPTION C-1	JOSE CORNEJO	Oppose	Long Beach to Porter Ranch is ridiculous.	11/12/2021	n/a
OPTION D-1	Celeste Wolfe	Favor	Maps A and C could work if they adjust the boundaries to keep the WNC whole and also my neighborhood's traditional boundaries intact, keeping our entire western boundary contiguous. No carve-out on the southwest corner of Beverly Glen and Olympic.	11/11/2021	n/a
OPTION D-1	Jane Wishon	Favor		11/11/2021	n/a

OPTION D-1	JOSE CORNEJO	Other	Please keep ALL of the San Fernando Valley in one district	11/12/2021	n/a
	Melissa Olen	-	Honorable Commissioners, I am a resident of Calabasas. The area where I live is embedded in the Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI). Our COI is Unincorporated County and the COG cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village and the Santa Monica Mountains. Our cohesive, longstanding COI should have the same single supervisorial district. The entire COI is located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). Wildfire is our shared number one safety issue. The Woolsey fire was an unfortunate and jarring event that cemented our cities together in worry and concern over the reality of the escalating fire danger in our region. Climate change has created a unique set of problems that residents in this area must deal with, and we will be more effective if we can deal with these issues together as a group under one supervisor. The Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains portion of this COI is divided into 2 inseparable, land-use policy areas that are intentionally aligned the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) and the adjacent North Area Plan (NAP). These two-governing land-use policy documents are administered, implemented, and enforced by the L.A. County Department of Regional Planning and. They are contiguous and adjoined to the five COG cities, forming our compact COI.	11/13/2021	n/a

We are an inextricable part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA), one of only five Mediterranean ecosystems in the world. It preserves the rich biological diversity of more than 450 animal species and 26 distinct plant communities.		
I respectfully ask the Commission to keep our entire COI as one unique Community of Interest in a single Supervisorial District. Thank you.		
Sincerely,		
Melissa Olen Calabasas, CA		